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1. REQUEST FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE DELIVERED TO DR. V. P. MINASHIN, MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, REGARDING OPERATIONAL SCHEDULE DCL:

QUOTE DEAR DR. MINASHIN:

GREETINGS,

THE U.S. DELEGATION ON THE DCL MET RECENTLY TO REVIEW THE PROTOCOLS DEVELOPED DURING OUR MEETINGS IN MOSCOW AND TO DISCUSS THE STATUS OF THE VARIOUS ACTIONS AGREED UPON TO ENSURE THAT TGP-3 & 4 WILL BE ACTIVATED SMOOTHLY AND AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. YOU WILL RECALL THAT DURING OUR MEETINGS, THE U.S. SIDE PRESENTED A PROPOSED SCHEDULE TO BE USED AS A GUIDE FOR THE ACTIVATION OF THE SATELLITE CIRCUITS.

I HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THE ITT EQUIPMENT FOR THE MOSCOW EARTH STATION HAS NOW BEEN SHIPPED AND IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE THE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY. AS WE UNDERSTOOD IT, THE ABSENCE OF THIS EQUIPMENT WAS A DETERRENT TO THE

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USSR SIDE CONCURRING IN THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE. IN VIEW OF THE ARRIVAL OF THIS EQUIPMENT, IS IT NOW POSSIBLE TO REVISE THE SCHEDULE OR CAN WE ASSUME THAT THE SCHEDULE IS STILL ACCEPTABLE TO THE USSR AS A GUIDE?

WE ARE DEVELOPING THE NECESSARY FOLLOW-ON ACTIONS NEEDED TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENTS REACHED IN MOSCOW AND I SHALL ADVISE YOU OF THE STATUS OF THESE ACTIONS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

I HOPE THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DCL AGREEMENTS IS GOING WELL FOR YOU AND YOUR STAFF. WE HAVE EMBARKED ON A VERY ACTIVE PROGRAM TO DO ALL WE CAN TO IMPLEMENT OUR ACTIONS IN A TIMELY MANNER.

I WISH TO THANK YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR THE KIND AND GENEROUS HOSPITALITY AND CONSIDERATIONS GIVEN THE ENTIRE US DCL DELEGATION DURING OUR TRIP TO YOUR COUNTRY.

I HOPE THIS LETTER FINDS YOU WELL AND EVEN THOUGH A LITTLE LATE, MAY I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST FOR A GOOD NEW YEAR.

SINCERELY,

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